

Hood River  
July 13<sup>th</sup>

Botanists' generosity

Truly yours

Wm. P. L. Barrett

Friend Watson  
My dear Sir

Thanks for  
the names. The white  
rose is an old acquaintance  
but the only one of its kind  
here I believe. Isn't it possibly  
a white "picocarpa"? - The lippa  
was from a bush in our yard  
where it grows much more  
thrifty than in its original  
home. Am so sorry your  
little came too late to secure  
blossoms, because I cannot  
see the peculiarity - "glabrous  
sepals" in the bit I have  
preserved. Would it not be as  
easily recognized in the fruit?  
and please I send fruit-

Barrett

from both the home bush  
and the one from which I  
obtained my root?

The original plant is not  
thrifly - therefore I suspected  
it might turn red under  
different conditions. but this  
is its fourth year - third of  
blossom since removal, and was  
a dead white

You did not give me the  
name of the Fernula as Dr. Gray  
promised. - and perhaps I  
did not answer his question about  
color. It is purple. and by the seed  
is the "<sup>red</sup>Paeonia" I have  
sought so long and vainly. for  
it was given me when scarcely  
out of the ground with assurance  
that it grew like the Paeonia  
farinosa or Geysie which  
grows here, blossoming in Feb'y  
Even the bulb was brought - but

<sup>see</sup>  
the plant which I have found at  
last has a monstrous root. not  
even bulb like. but thicker than a  
mans wrist. - called here Bear-  
weed, because nothing will touch it  
excp't Bears.

It blossoms close to the  
ground showing considerable  
purple as it lies on the hill  
side, currolling as it pushes  
up, until, when it gets about  
a foot high, <sup>orders</sup> it is in perfect  
flower. - The stalks continue  
to lengthen, as you will see  
more in blossom more than  
from eight to ten inches high.

Accept my congratulations  
upon your return to health.  
We are thankful that  
Gantemals fever spared you to  
science and Cambridge and